

Harbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting 23 March 2017 at 7.30pm The Farley Room, Harbury Village Hall

Present

Cllr Lockley (Chairman)	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Gibb	Cllr Knowles
Cllr Thornley	Cllr Allen	Cllr Summers	Cllr Mancell
Cllr Ekins	Cllr Christou		

Absent: None

In Attendance

Mrs Alison Biddle, Clerk to the Council
District Cllr Harris
County Cllr Stevens

Public

Mrs Linda Ridgley, Harbury News
Members of the public: 11

17/41 Apologies: None

17/42 Declarations of Interest: None

17/43 Dispensations: None.

17/44 Public Participation

Flooding at Cemetery Corner

A driver had been seen to lose control on the bend because of the deep water. It is very dangerous.

Damage to The Pound

This has been caused by the lack of turning space for lorries entering the building site opposite.

Planning Application, Bull Ring Farm Road

There are concerns about access along this narrow road. It was pointed out that the paved area outside Newend House is privately owned and cannot be used to widen the road. It was noted that the bungalow plots are a very generous size and a concern was raised that if outline permission is granted the plots could be used for further development at a later date.

Planning Applications, The Spinney

The objections raised by the neighbouring landowner's agent regarding access to the site had been noted by residents and were believed to be an indication that the landowner would like to put a road through here.

The applicant's agent was also in attendance and assured the council that he had discussed the objections with the agent who was now happy with the situation. The applicant has no interest in developing the rear of the site. They would also prefer for permitted development rights to be removed.

17/45 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2017 as a true and complete record of that meeting.

17/46 Reports from Other Organisations

1 Harbury Library

The existing management committee had been re-elected at the recent AGM. It had been a very successful year.

2 Harbury School Governors

The MAT admissions proposal had been withdrawn and reassurance given that children from the local area would be given priority.

3 Public Safety – none

4 Southam College

A letter had been received confirming the withdrawal of the proposed new admissions policy.

5 Twinning Association

The French visitors will arrive on 5 May 2017.

6 Village Hall

The hall now has new chairs. Discussions about the new heating system are ongoing. The last film night was well attended but a new organisation is required to take over the running of the cinema.

7 Harbury Energy Initiative

HEI will receive a share of the proceeds from the folk night.

8 WALC/NALC - Nothing to report.

9 SDC & WCC

WCC

- Election purdah starts tomorrow.
- There will be a re-organisation of management following the election.
- The community forum took place last week. Southam College's move to form a MAT has been delayed by legal matters. The admissions policy will remain the same as now.
- HS2 community grants are available.

SDC

- Another meeting with the CCG will take place within the next few days.

Cllr Lockley reported that Harbury Library had successfully secured all of the Sec 106 funding for libraries from the Gladman (DWH) development in Bush Heath Lane.

17/47 Deppers Bridge

1 Update - None

2 Correspondence – None

3 Members' Items - None

17/48 Planning

1 17/00505/VARY

Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning permission 16/01010/VARY (variation of condition 2 of planning permission 14/02492/FUL (Erection of one dwelling and repositioning of garage approved under 14/01559/FUL. Amendments to site access.) to allow the addition of a single storey extension and two storey extension to the rear elevation together with a first floor extension over the approved single storey garage) to allow additional side and rear extensions (part retrospective).

The Spinney, Hall Lane

A delegated holding response had previously been submitted which was reviewed by the council.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no representation but to request the removal of permitted development rights.

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3 **17/00390/OUT**

Outline application for 5 affordable 2/3 bedroom houses and 7 independent retirement bungalows
Land at Bull Ring Farm

It was **RESOLVED** to object on the grounds that Harbury has already met its housing target under the Core Strategy and has no current identified need for further housing.

4 **Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The second public consultation has now closed. There were fewer responses than last time which was to be expected. SDC's cabinet will meet on 10 April 2017 and their formal response will be sent to the PC following that meeting. It is possible that an extraordinary PC meeting will be needed to review the collated responses in due course at a date to be confirmed.

5 **Pre-planning Consultations**

i Land off Bush Heath Lane

A proposal has been received for land to be set aside under the NDP for self-build eco homes which would be limited by planning condition to people with a local connection. A formal response to the NDP consultation has also been received.

ii Harbury Supermarket & PO

A proposal has been made to convert part of the premises to living accommodation to include a first floor extension.

6 **Harbury Cement Works - New Surgery**

There is still no news regarding the CCG's decision.

7 **Gypsies & Travellers Sites Consultations**

Amendments to WDC's local plan had been circulated and noted.

8 **Housing White Paper Consultation**

It was agreed to make no response.

9 **WCC Rural Growth Plan Consultation**

It was agreed to make no response.

10 **Delegated Responses – none to report.**

11 **Members' Items - None**

17/49 Properties

1 Play Areas

i Repairs

These are in hand and include the painting of equipment.

ii Dog Signage

It is not possible to move the existing sign because of the design of the bracket. It was agreed to monitor the situation regarding dogs in the play area.

2 Playing Fields

i New Path

A quote of £523 for the design and supply of a sign along with information leaflets had been obtained. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this quote and place an order.

An alternative quote for the supply of materials to extend the path has been requested. This is likely to be in the region of £300. It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the clerk to place an order for these materials up to a limit of £300.

The contractor has been asked to provide a quote for tamping down the path.

The moles are very active again. The clerk was asked to call the mole man.

ii Skate Park Repairs

The contractor has repaired one item before deciding that the ground was too wet to continue. It has taken many months for the contractor to come and do the work. It was agreed that a definite date should be fixed for the work to be completed and if it is not done by then, the contractor should be paid for the work done to date and then another contractor approached to complete the outstanding works.

3 Car Park - Nothing to report

4 Cemetery

i New Burial Ground

Cllr Lockley is meeting the land owner tomorrow.

ii Risk Assessment

A draft risk assessment was circulated for review just before the meeting. Comments are invited.

iii General Maintenance

The fence at the front of the cemetery is rotten and the hedge is leaning over. The clerk was asked to obtain a quote from the grounds maintenance contractor for replacing the fence and tidying up this area.

5 Allotments

There is still one half plot vacant. The hedge along the track has been cut this week. The tree surgeon has asked the council to consider the future maintenance of the hedge.

6 Village Notice Boards

The clerk is still waiting to confirm the details for the DWH lettering design before she can place the order. The contractor has asked who owns the wall at Old New Inn green where the board is installed. This belongs to WPD.

7 Correspondence

An email has been received requesting work on the cemetery beech tree which overhangs a private garden. The tree surgeon has been working on the tree today. Cllr Summers will visit the resident to discuss further.

8 Members' Items - none

17/50 Environment

1 Street Lighting

The clerk will work out how many more Windsor lanterns need to be replaced and obtain quotes for this work.

2 Traffic & Transport

i Subsidised Travel Scheme

An advert will be placed in the Harbury News for the teenager travel vouchers. There will be 250 vouchers available from the library with effect from 3 April in time for the Easter holidays and they will be valid for 1 year. A further 250 will be issued for the summer holidays.

3 Correspondence- none

4 Members' Items

There is a faulty streetlight outside 8 South Parade. This will be reported by the councillor online.

17/51 Finance & General Purposes

1 Monthly Financial Report

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise a new direct debit instruction to the bank for payments to HMRC.

2 Review of Sports Club Licences

This was to be discussed by the sports clubs at their next meeting. The clerk will follow this up.

3 Review of Standing Orders

It was **RESOLVED** that no amendments to the existing document are required.

4 WW1 Centenary Project

Cllr Gibb is organising personal invitations to the launch event. An advert will go in Harbury News as well. Lt Col Simon Rushen, Chief of Staff of the Canadian Forces in the UK, and his wife will be guests of honour. The press and the local MP are also to be invited. The website will go live in April and the blue plaques will be installed in April subject to the weather.

5 Correspondence – none.

6 Members Items – none.

17/52 Parish Boundary Review

The clerk has written formally to SDC requesting a governance review. It was agreed that if a change in the boundary is approved, it should take effect from May 2019 which is the date of the next ordinary election.

17/53 Assets of Community Value

It was **RESOLVED** to register the pubs, the village club and the church paddock.

17/54 Accounts for Payment

It was **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Thompson, seconded Cllr Knowles) to approve the accounts for payment as per Appendix B.

17/55 Reports & Questions

- Cllr Thornley had attended the recent Community Forum and gave a short report. The police are currently engaging with young people and helping them to enhance their life skills.
- There is a meeting at The Grange in Southam re HS2 on 24 March 2017.
- The car parked in the cemetery layby was reported to the police and removed soon afterwards.
- The next Councillors' Corner is on 29 April 2017.

17/56 Confidential Matters

It was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in accordance with Sec 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

1 Staff Matters

There have been no applicants for the minute secretary vacancy. The post has been re-advertised.

2 Damaged Street Light

The clerk had written to the insurers setting a deadline for settlement which has now passed. It was agreed that the chairman would try speaking to the insurance company.

17/57 Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary meeting will be held on 27 April 2017 at 7.30pm in Harbury Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

